(d) the number of cases in which affliction with symptoms have recurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) Thee requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Handing over of passenger and ramp handling by Air India to the British Airways

4236. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has decided to hand over passenger and ramp handling to British Airways with effect from November next; if so, tht details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Air India has already contracted out. Cargo handling at Kennedy Airport, New York and negotiation with the unions are under way to contract out traffic handling services; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Air-India has a proposal to contract out passenger and ramp handling in London with effect from November 1988 to British Airways with a view to providing better and improved passenger handling facilities with greater economy.

(b) At Kennedy Airport, New York, the activity relating to import cargo has already been contracted out with effect from 1st April, 1986 With regard to the export cargo etc., the contract is not yet final and negoiations are in progress. Contracting out cargo and passenger handling has been considered necessary for reasons of economy and cost effectiveness.

Tetracycline for treatment of Trachoma

4237. SHRI M KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1998 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tetracycline is a preferred antibiotic for treatment of Trachoma and other eye diseases and when this opinion was given;

(b) whether it is a fact that Tetracycline eye ointment account for an annual sale of Rs. 3 lakhs only, whereas eye preparations of other antibiotic accounts for crores of rupees:

(c) whether it is a fact that in view of the sensitive nature of the eye drops of other antibiotics are most commonly used;

(d) what are these antibiotics and what steps are being taken to review and revaluate the drugs already recommended under this programme; and

(e) by when the process is likely to be completed and who would be associated with such a review?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. The opinion was given while recommending the list.

(b) Such information is not monitored under the National Programme for Con- for crores of rupees;

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Request of Nauru for pilots from India

4238. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Nauru had recently approached Government of India to send 20 pilots to Nauru to fly Air Nauru;

(b) whether Government have agreed to send 20 pilots, if so, what are the reasons therefor;